

**MISCELLANEOUS READING.**  
**FEARFUL ASCENSION.**—Professor Wells at-  
 tempted to ascend in his balloon, on Satur-  
 day, which came near proving disastrous to  
 him. The balloon having been inflated, he  
 stepped into the basket and gave the word  
 "let go," and was not obeyed, but imme-  
 diately afterwards, when he was not ready  
 to do "let go," and the wind blowing  
 from the West, the balloon, with lightning  
 speed, was borne upwards, he swaying for-

and back with but one foot in the basket. It first struck a wood pile, then a tree, then the side of Coosa Hall kitchen, in the eaves of the kitchen, knocking off shingles, and afterwards the eaves of Coosa Hall, when it threw him some feet from the basket, and he dangled in air, holding mainly by his hands to the eaves. With great presence of mind he

With great presence of mind, on arising just over Coosa Hall, while some feet from the roof, he swung loose the balloon, and dropped on the roof. Had he not done this, he would have been one into the air, and a horrible death would have awaited him, as he was held by his hands, whose strength must soon have given out. A large crowd was present, anxious to see the ascension, and all were greatly relieved when he alighted safely.

*Southern Scene.*—It is so seldom that real truth respecting the social condition the Southern slave appears in the North-republican press, that we take pleasure in clipping the following paragraph from a letter to the Newark Advertiser, a republican paper:

"I remained at Savannah eight days in waiting, and while there attended the lectures, a few miles from the city. There to be found on the grounds hundreds of ill-dressed negroes, with purse in hand, ready to bet you various sums on their fawnings. Certainly, a more happy, careless of beings are seldom found, and I could not but be struck with the contrast."

that evening, in company with a number of ladies and gentlemen from the hotel, I attended a negro ball. The females were dressed in the extreme of fashion, with gold chains, bracelets and other trinkets gleaming along the folds of their dresses—in fact, all that went to make up the dashing females—the fashionable airs they assumed were

**LIVE AND DEAD WEIGHT OF CATTLE.**—  
 Eight pounds out of every fourteen pounds,  
 four-sevenths of the whole live weight of  
 sheep and cattle, represents, when the ani-  
 mals are properly fat, the net weight of the  
 quarters, exclusive of skull—three-fourths  
 the live weight of pigs, if fat, represents  
 weight and loss.

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**CANDIDATES.**

**JOHN S. FERGUSON BEACH** will be a candi-  
 date for Attorney of the Commonwealth for the

ty of Alexandria. mh 13--tf

er STEPHEN SHINN will be supported for  
office of Commissioner of the Revenue.  
mh 13--tf

er We are authorized to announce WILLIAM  
MASSEY, a candidate for Sheriff of Alexan-  
dria County. mh 8--te

er A CARD.—I hereby announce myself a  
candidate for COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE of  
Alexandria County, and solicit the support of the  
citizens of town and county. WM. A. HART.

By request of a number of friends, I offer myself as a candidate for the office of COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE.

HENRY L. SIMPSON.

We are authorized to announce P. C. CUNTON for Commissioner of the Revenue, at election to take place May 24th, 1860.

To the Voters of the City and County of Cambridge:—I offer myself as a candidate for the

of Sheriff, at the next election, and most respectfully solicit your votes,  
J. A. LAWTE                      H. L. MONROE.

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CARTHENWARE, CHINA, AND GLASS.  
THE UNDERSIGNED have formed a new partnership for conducting the above business, at the Old Stand, No. 65 KING STREET, OMAHA.

The experience of our Senior, for thirty-seven years in *this business alone*, with long-established correspondents, authorizes us to say that our facilities and means for doing this business are equal

ny house on the continent. We pledge ours-  
to our fellow-citizens of the Commonwealth,  
others, to serve them with integrity and fidel-  
and in a manner that shall compare favorably  
to similar establishments in *Northern cities*,  
ther as to variety of assortment, quality of  
goods, or moderation in prices.

Our SPRING importation has been dispatched  
the ship "Annie Laurie," from Liverpool, direct  
Alexandria, and our arrangements are such as  
enable us to get our goods hereafter direct to  
port.

Wholesale and Southern merchants and others to

Only ask Southern merchants and ourselves to  
 mine our stock of goods, and the prices we de-  
 sider for them, which are settled and uniform,  
 ask no patronage unless we can satisfy them  
 deserved.

R. H. MILLER,  
 E. J. MILLER,  
 F. W. ASHBY.

The old firm name of *R. H. MILLER*,  
*and CO.*, will be continued.

Alexandria, 2 mo 9—

**FERTILIZERS.**

**WE OFFER FOR SALE** Peruvian, Sombbrero,  
 Peris Island, Mexican, Nevada, and Kuttilewell's

WM. H. FOWLE & SON,  
No. 4, South Wharves.

Aprons, Sashes, Buttons, Gilt Lace and  
all kinds of Trimmings, furnished at  
lowest rates. feb 11

RECEIVED THIS DAY, from Schr. York-  
town, 20 dozen PATENT ZINC WASH-  
ARDS. No family should be without one.—  
at L. HERRING'S, Royal street.  
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**REMOVAL.**

JOHN P. CLARKE has removed to the Store,  
No. 161, King street, next door to John A.  
Lewis's Drug Store, until his improvements at

RECEIVED THIS DAY, a large lot of White-  
wash, Shoe, and Scrubbing Brushes, for sale  
at L. HERKING'S,  
No. 14 Royal street, 4 doors south of King-  
grove LINEN CROCHET BRAID, of all

sizes, just received, at  
 5 C. C. BERRY'S.

**TIMOTHY SEED.**—50 bushels prime Timothy  
 Seed, for sale by **MEADE & MARYE,**  
 8 Seed Store, No. 25, King street.

**BAKER HOODS** in white and colored, all  
 sizes, just received, at  
 9 **RICHARDS' BAZAAR.**

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**100 BUSH. PRIME NEW CLOVER SEED,**  
 just received and for sale by  
 8 **MEADE & MARYE.**